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## **APPLICATION**

Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation Louisiana Office of Conservation P.O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re:

Duval Zone, Reservoir A

Bayou Sauveur Field

Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana

## **Dear Commissioner Welsh:**

Application is hereby made on behalf of **NOBLE ENERGY**, **INC.** for the calling of a public hearing, after thirty (30) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters related to the **Duval Zone**, **Reservoir A**, in the **Bayou Sauveur Field**, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

- To establish rules and regulations and create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate, such unit to be designated DUVAL RA SUA;
- To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
- 3. To designate a unit well for the proposed unit;
- 4. To designate Noble Energy, Inc. as the unit operator for the proposed unit;

- 5. To provide that any future wells drilled to the Duval Zone, Reservoir A outside of the proposed unit should be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E;
- 6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the reservoir, by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing, if the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner; and
- 7. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Duval Zone, Reservoir A in the Bayou Sauveur Field, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 15,210 feet and 15,810 feet, electrical log measurements (14,794 feet and 15,393 feet, TVD), in the Exchange Oil and Gas Corp. - Pellegrin-Price No. 2 Well, located in Section 15, Township 20 South, Range 16 East, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and is further defined as being that zone encountered at the depth of 15,015 feet, electrical log measurements (14,850 feet, TVD), in the Quintana Petroleum Corp. - Pellegrin-Price No. 1 Well, located in Section 15, Township 20 South, Range 16 East, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

A conference to discuss the proposed application and any opposition thereto was held at 10:30 a.m. on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005, at the Onebane Law Firm, 1200 Camellia Boulevard, Suite 300, Lafayette, Louisiana. A list of parties who attended the pre-application conference is attached. Randall C. Songy, attorney for the applicant, opened the conference with a brief discussion of the Rules of Procedures. Remy Williams, geological consultant for the applicant, explained the applicant's proposal and the geological, engineering and other bases therefore, and answered questions. Charles Smith, representing the Terrebonne Parish School Board, presented a counterplan. A possible resolution of differences was discussed, and the parties agreed to seek approval of same from their respective clients. The conference was then adjourned.

Subsequent to the conference, the parties were able to resolve their differences, and all parties have agreed to support the proposed unit shown on plat attached hereto.

Pertinent data relating to the proposed application can be obtained, <u>AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY</u>, by contacting **Remy Williams with W.H. Robbins & Associates**, 302 LaRue France, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, (337)232-5004.

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof a plat outlining the proposed unit and a list of the names and addresses of the interested parties to whom this unitization proposal is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished ONLY to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addressed of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed herein is our check in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation in payment of the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

RANDALL C. SONGY

RCS/elg/bad

**Enclosures** 

cc:

Mr. Richard Hudson, District Manager Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties

## P.S. To all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties:

You may have received this Application even though your property is not included in the proposed unit, because the Revised Rules of Procedure require us to attempt to also notify everyone owning an interest in the area "proximate to" the proposed units.

Your receipt of this Application does not require you to take any action. It is meant to notify you of these proceedings so that you have the opportunity to participate if you so desire.

